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Revised estimates under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, resulting from the increase in the membership of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from the increase in the membership of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/65/400). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification.

2. The proposals of the Secretary-General relate to additional resource requirements resulting from the increase in the membership of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by 6 members, from 12 to 18 members, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which stipulates that the membership of the Committee will increase by 6 members after the Convention has been ratified by 80 States parties. As indicated in paragraphs 2 and 12 of the report, the number of States parties to the Convention had grown to 46 and 76 at the end of 2008 and 2009 respectively, and stood at 94 as at 29 September 2010. Given that States parties are expected to submit a report within two years of signing the Convention, it is expected that 46 State party reports will be submitted by the end of 2010, another 30 by the end of 2011, and a further 14 reports towards the end of 2012. It is anticipated that additional meeting time for the Committee may be required in the near future to deal with the increased workload.

3. The additional requirements resulting from the increase in the membership of the Committee are estimated as follows:

(a) $321,500 for the biennium 2010-2011 under section 23, Human rights, and $10,600 under section 35, Staff assessment, offset by an equivalent amount

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under income section 1. The Secretary-General proposes to meet an estimated amount of $12,400 from within the approved appropriations under Section 23, Human rights, and the remainder ($309,100) from the provisions of the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011. The net additional resources of $309,100 would provide for travel requirements for the new members of the Committee ($127,300) and for their assistants ($90,900), as well as for an additional P-3 post in 2011 ($90,900) to assist the Committee with the examination of reports of State parties;

(b) $946,600 for the biennium 2012-2013, to be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

4. **The Advisory Committee has no objection to the course of action proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 39 of his report.**